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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF AMCIT

REF: STATE 100626

SUMMARY: TRIAL OF DUAL NATIONAL VLADIMIR DOYCHIN FOR ACTIVITIES HOSTILE TO YUGOSLAV STATE BEGAN ON MAY 16. DOYCHIN'S TESTIMONY OCCUPIED WHOLE DAY AND HE MADE ANTICIPATED DEFENSE A) THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY YUGOSLAV CONSUL IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IF HE RETURNED TO YUGOSLAVIA; B) THAT HE WAS NOT YUGOSLEV CITIZEN AT TIME ALLEGED CRIMES OCCURED, AND C) THAT PARTICIPATION IN EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS WAS APOLITICAL. TRIAL THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL JUNE 4. END SUMMARY.

1. DOYCHIN'S CASE HEARD IN REGIONAL COURT IN PROKUPLJE BY FIVE-JUDGE PANEL. VICE CONSUL MCLEAN WAS ON HAND. APPROXIMATELY 15 PEOPLE ATTENDED, INCLUDING DOYCHIN'S FATHER AND BROTHER, PEASANTS WHO APPEARED TO BE THERE FOR ENTERTAINMENT, AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN LAW STUDENTS. AFTER PROSECUTOR READ INDICTMENT, DOYCHIN WAS QUESTIONED BY PRESIDENT OF COURT FOR APPROXIMATELY 3 HRS. HE WAS THEN BRIEFLY CROSS-EXAMINED BY PROSECUTOR AND DEFENSE ATTORNEY.

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2. DOYCHIN RECOUNTED STORY OF LIFE DURING PERIOD UNDER INVESTI-

GATION WITH OCCASIONAL SHARP QUESTIONING BY PRESIDENT OF COURT. DOYCHIN EMPHASIZED FOLLOWING POINTS IN DEFENSE: A) THAT HE HAD DESCRIBED PARTICIPATION IN EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS TO YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO AND HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IF HE RETURNED TO YUGOSLAVIA; B) THAT HE HAD LOST YUGOSLAV CITIZENSHIP WHEN HE DID NOT RETURN TO YUGOSLAVIA AFTER WW II AND THAT HE RESUMED IT ONLY IN 1970 SO THAT HE COULD STAY HERE LONGER THAN THREE MONTHS ALLOWED FOREIGNERS AND THAT HE WAS THEREFORE NOT YUGOSLAV CITIZEN WHEN ALLEGED OFFENSES OCCURRED; AND C) THAT MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS WAS APOLITICAL AND UNDERTAKEN FOR SOCIAL REASONS.

3. DOYCHIN'S LAWYER FELT THAT FIRST DAY OF TRIAL WENT MUCH BETTER THAN EXPECTED. TRIAL WAS HELD OVER UNTIL JUNE 4 BECAUSE TWO WITNESSES FOR PROSECUTION DID NOT APPEAR AND BECAUSE DEFENSE ATTORNEY ASKED THAT EVIDENCE PERTAINING TO DOYCHIN'S CITIZENSHIP AND CONTACTS WITH YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO BE OBTAINED.

4. DOYCHIN CASE WAS REPORTED FOR FIRST TIME TODAY (MAY 17) IN PRESS IN SMALL ARTICLE ON PAGE 12 OF POLITIKA WHICH ANNOUNCED START OF HIS TRIAL. PHOTOGRAPHER WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE PICTURES AT ONE POINT IN TRIAL AND HE SEEMED DELIBERATELY TO TAKE TWO PICTURES OF ATTENDING VICE CONSUL.

5. WHILE PRESIDENT OF COURT DID NOT ALLOW VICE CONSUL TO SPEAK AT LENGTH WITH DOYCHIN WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM FSFA, VICE CONSUL WAS ABLE TO TELL DOYCHIN THAT HIS DAUGHTERS ARE ACTIVE AND CONCERNED AND THAT CONGRESSMAN ROSTENKOWSKI IS INTERESTED IN THE CASE.

6. REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE WITH DOYCHIN (REFTEL), LAWYER'S NAME IS RADOVAN NEDELJKOVIC. ADDRESS IS NJEGOSEVA 2, PANCEVO. MRS. KOMAREK COULD SENT LETTERS FOR DOYCHIN EITHER TO HIM OR JAIL, AS SHE WISHES. THEY WOULD, OF COURSE, BE REVIEWED BY PRISON AUTHORITIES BEFORE BEING GIVEN TO DOYCHIN. TO SAVE TIME, LETTERS SHOULD BE IN SERBO-CROATIAN.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: PRESIDENT OF COURT REQUESTED EMBASSY'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTANCE IN TRYING TO OBTAIN COPY OF LETTER WHICH DOYCHIN WROTE TO YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO, LJUBOMIR LJUBIC, IN LATE 1969 OR EARLY 1970 IN WHICH ASKED WHETHER ACTIVITIES AS EMIGRE WOULD BE HELD AGAINST HIM SHOULD HE RETURN TO YUGOSLAVIA. WE WILL REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF FSFA AND REQUEST DEPT ASK YUGOSLAV EMBASSY TO HELP.

8. COMMENT: CONVICTION IS STILL CONSIDERED LIKELY, PARTICULARLY

SINCE DOYCHIN'S CLAIM THAT HE WAS NOT POLITICALLY INTERESTED OR
ACTIVE IS NOT CONVINCING. PROSECUTION CAN PROBABLY SURMOUNT
TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY ASSERTION THAT HE WAS NOT
YUGOSLAV CITIZEN WHEN ALLEGED OFFENSES OCCURED. NEVERTHELESS,
DELAY UNTIL JUNE MAY WORK TO ADVANTAGE BECAUSE TRIAL WILL NOW
BE CONCLUDED AFTER TENTH LCY CONGRESS AND COURT'S NEED TO
DEMONSTRATE MILITANCY MAY BE REDUCED.
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